IN THE CLAIMS:

1.(Currently Amended) A compound of Formula IV

$$R_6$$
 X
 CO_2H
 R_4
 R_3
 R_1
 R_2
 IV

R₁-R₄ are hydrogen or alkyl; X is NR₅ or O; R₅ is hydrogen or alkyl,

 R_6 is hydrogen, alkyl, benzyl, alkanoyl, alkoxyalkanoyl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, allyl, alkylcycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, trisubstituted halogenalkyl, and wherein R_1 - R_4 are each hydrogen the R_6 is not hydrogen or methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, prodrug, or amide thereof, with the proviso that $X-R_6$ may not be NH_2 .

2.(Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_2 and R_4 are hydrogen and R_1 and R_3 are alkyl; R_2 and R_4 are hydrogen and R_1 and R_3 are methyl; R_1 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_1 is alkyl and R_2 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_1 is methyl and R_2 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_5 is hydrogen; R_6 is NR_6 ; R_6 is NR_6 ; R_6 is alkyl; R_6 is benzyl; R_6 is acetyl; R_6 is phenylalkyl; R_6 is cycloalkyl; R_6 is trifluoroalkyl; R_6 is alkylcycloalkyl; R_6 is alkoxy; and R_6 is allyl.

3.(Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_2 and R_4 are hydrogen and R_1 and R_3 are methyl; R_1 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_1 is methyl and R_2 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_5 is hydrogen; X is NR_6 ; R_6 is alkyl; R_6 is benzyl; R_6 is acetyl; R_6 is phenylalkyl; R_6 is cycloalkyl; R_6 is trifluoroalkyl; R_6 is alkylcycloalkyl; R_6 is alkoxy; and R_6 is allyl.

4.(Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_2 and R_4 are hydrogen and R_1 and R_3 are methyl; R_1 - R_4 are hydrogen.

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5.(Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 and selected from the group consisting of:

(1-Allylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

(1-Prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

{1-[(2,2,2-Trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

{1-[(3,3,3-Trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

1α,3β,5β- (1-Allylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-1-Allylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(4,4,4-trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(4,4,4-trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}-acetic acid;$

trans-{(1R,3R)-1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-1-Butylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

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 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Hydroxymethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}-acetic acid;$

1α,3β,5β-(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-diethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

 1α , 3β , 5β -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Benzylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 1α , 3β , 5β -(1-Butylaminomethyl-3, 5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}$ -acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid; $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[3,5-Dimethyl-1-(phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(3-phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Cyclobutylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(2-Methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

- {1-[(4,4,4-Trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- (1-Ethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- [1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- (1-Propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- [1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- (1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- [1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- ((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;
- {1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt:
- [1-(tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;
- [1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;
- ((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclobutylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {(3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2-methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {(3R, 5S)-1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {(3R, 5S)-1-[(2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {(3R, 5S)-1-[(Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

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{(3R,5S)-1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
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((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R,5S)-1-Carboxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

cis-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Butylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(3-Phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, sodium salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-ethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-propyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

((3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[(1R, 3R)-1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-3-methyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(1R, 3R)-1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

or

((1R, 3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

6.(Original) A method for treating diabetic retinopathy comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formulas I, II, and/or III to a patient in need thereof

$$R_9$$
 X
 CO_2H
 $(CH_2)_m$
 $(CH_2)_m$
 R_8
 R_7
 R_6
 R_8
 R_7
 R_8
 R_8

wherein:

R₉ is H; alkyl; cycloalkyl; substituted alkyl containing halogen, amine, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, or hydroxy; allyl; alkynyl; alkanoyl; alkoxyalkanoyl; sulfonyl; phenyl; benzyl; or arylalkyl; m and n are independently an integer of 1-3;

 $R_1 - R_8$ and $R_{10} - R_{14}$ are independently H, alkyl, or substituted alkyl; and $X = NR_{14}$, O, or S

where there is more than one stereoisomer, each chiral center may be independently R or S; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, prodrug, or amide thereof.

7.(Original) The method of Claim 6 wherein m and n are 1; X is NR_{14} ; R_9 is H; R_4 is methyl; R_4 and R_5 are methyl; R_8 is methyl; R_{10} is methyl; R_7 and R_8 are methyl; R_4 and R_8 are methyl; R_1 - R_8 and R_{10} - R_{13} are H; R_9 is alkyl; R_9 is benzyl; R_{14} is alkyl; R_9 is arylalkyl; R_9 is cycloalkyl; R_1 - R_8 are H; R_1 - R_8 and R_{10} - R_{11} are H; R_1 - R_2 and R_7 - R_8 are H; or R_2 is methyl.

8.(Original) The method of Claim 6 wherein R_3 is alkyl, R_1 - R_2 and R_4 - R_{11} and R_{14} are hydrogen, and m and n are 1, and X is NR_{14} ; R_3 and R_{11} are alkyl, R_1 - R_2 and R_4 - R_{10} and R_{14} are hydrogen, m and n are 1, and X is NR_{14} ; R_3 and R_{11} are alkyl, R_1 - R_2 and R_4 - R_{10} and R_{14} are hydrogen, m and n are 1, R_9 is alkyl, and X is NR_{14} ; and R_1 - R_{11} and R_{14} are hydrogen, m and n are 1, and X is O.

9.(Original) The method of Claim 6 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

(1-Allylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

(1-Prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

{1-[(2,2,2-Trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

{1-[(3,3,3-Trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ - (1-Allylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-1-Allylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

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trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid; trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;
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trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(4,4,4-trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ - $\{3,5$ -Dimethyl-1-[(4,4,4-trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl $\}$ -acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -{1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

trans-{(1R,3R)-1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Butylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha, 3\beta, 5\beta - \{1-[(Hydroxymethyl-amino)-methyl]-3, 5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}-acetic acid;$

1α,3β,5β-(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-diethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; trans-(1R,3R)(1-Aminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; (1-Aminomethyl-2-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; (1-Aminomethyl-3,3-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; (±)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

(±)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; (cis/trans)-(3R)-(1-Aminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

(+)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

(+)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Benzylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Butylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}$ -acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,\!3\beta,\!5\beta\text{-}[1\text{-}(Acetylamino\text{-}methyl)\text{-}3,\!5\text{-}dimethyl\text{-}cyclohexyl]\text{-}acetic acid};$

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 1α , 3β , 5β -[3,5-Dimethyl-1-(phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ - $\{3,5$ -Dimethyl-1-[(3-phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl $\}$ -acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Cyclobutylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

1-Aminomethyl-1-cyclohexane-acetic acid;

1-Aminomethyl-1-cyclopentane-acetic acid;

1-Aminomenthyl-1-cyclopentane-acetic acid, sodium salt;

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- 1-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohexane-acetic acid, sodium salt;
- {1-[(2-Methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[(4,4,4-Trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- (1-Ethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- [1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- (1-Propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- [1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- (1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- [1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- ((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;
- {1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;
- [1-(tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;
- [1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;
- ((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclobutylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {(3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2-methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {(3R, 5S)-1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {(3R, 5S)-1-[(2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

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{(3R, 5S)-1-[(Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R,5S)-1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R,5S)-1-Carboxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

cis-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Butylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(3-Phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, sodium salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-ethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-propyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

((3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[(1R, 3R)-1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-3-methyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(1R, 3R)-1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

or

((1R, 3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

10.(Original) A method for inhibiting the branch chain amino acid-dependent aminotransferase in a patient in need thereof comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formulas I, II, and/or III

$$R_{9}$$
 X
 $CO_{2}H$
 CH_{2}
 CH_{2}
 R_{1}
 R_{2}
 R_{3}
 R_{5}
 R_{4}
 R_{4}
 R_{5}
 R_{4}
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$$R_9$$
 CO_2H
 CO_2H

$$R_{9}-X$$
 $CO_{2}H$
 R_{13}
 R_{12}
 R_{11}
 R_{10}
 R_{8}
 R_{7}
 R_{6}
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 R_{2}
 R_{3}
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 R_{5}

wherein:

R₉ is H; alkyl; cycloalkyl; substituted alkyl containing halogen, amine, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, or hydroxy; allyl; alkynyl; alkanoyl; alkoxyalkanoyl; sulfonyl; phenyl; benzyl; or arylalkyl;

m and n are independently an integer of 1-3;

 $R_1 - R_8$ and $R_{10} - R_{14}$ are independently H, alkyl, or substituted alkyl; and $X = NR_{14}$, O, or S

where there is more than one stereoisomer, each chiral center may be independent R or S; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, prodrug, or amide thereof

11.(Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein wherein m and n are 1; X is NR_{14} ; R_9 is H; R_4 is methyl; R_4 and R_5 are methyl; R_8 is methyl; R_{10} is methyl; R_7 and R_8 are methyl; R_4 and R_8 are methyl; R_1 - R_8 and R_{10} - R_{13} are H; R_9 is alkyl; R_9 is benzyl; R_{14} is alkyl; R_9 is arylalkyl; R_9 is cycloalkyl; R_1 - R_8 are H; R_1 - R_8 and R_{10} - R_{11} are H; R_1 - R_2 and R_7 - R_8 are H; or R_2 is methyl.

12.(Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein R_3 is alkyl, R_1 - R_2 and R_4 - R_{11} and R_{14} are hydrogen, and m and n are 1, and X is NR_{14} ; R_3 and R_{11} are alkyl, R_1 - R_2 and R_4 - R_{10} and R_{14} are hydrogen, m and n are 1, and X is NR_{14} ; R_3 and R_{11} are alkyl, R_1 - R_2 and R_4 - R_{10} and R_{14} are hydrogen, m and n are 1, R_9 is alkyl, and X is NR_{14} ; and R_1 - R_{11} and R_{14} are hydrogen, m and n are 1, and X is O.

13.(Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein the compound is selected from:

(1-Allylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

(1-Prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

{1-[(2,2,2-Trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

{1-[(3,3,3-Trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha.3\beta.5\beta$ - (1-Allylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

1α,3β,5β-(3,5-Dimethyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-

acetic acid;

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1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-\text{Dimethyl-1-}[(3,3,3-\text{trifluoro-propylamino})-\text{methyl}]-\text{cyclohexyl}\}
acetic acid:
trans-((1R,3R)-1-Allylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;
trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;
trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-
acetic acid;
trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic
acid;
trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(4,4,4-trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-
acetic acid;
1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-Dimethyl-1-\[(4,4,4-\text{trifluoro-butylamino}\)-methyl\right\]-cyclohexyl\}-
acetic acid:
1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}-
acetic acid:
trans-{(1R,3R)-1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}-
acetic acid;
trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;
trans-((1R,3R)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;
trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;
trans-((1R,3R)-1-Butylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;
trans-((1R,3R)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;
1\alpha.3\beta.5\beta-\left\{1-\left[(Hydroxymethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-\dimethyl-cyclohexyl\right\}-acetic
acid:
1α.3β.5β-(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-diethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;
trans-(1R,3R)(1-Aminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;
(1-Aminomethyl-2-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;
(1-Aminomethyl-3,3-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;
(±)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;
(cis/trans)-(3R)-(1-Aminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid,
hydrochloride;
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(+)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

(+)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

1α,3β,5β-(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Benzylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Butylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[3,5-Dimethyl-1-(phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ - $\{3,5$ -Dimethyl-1-[(3-phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl $\}$ -acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Cyclobutylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

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- $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- 1-Aminomethyl-1-cyclohexane-acetic acid;
- 1-Aminomethyl-1-cyclopentane-acetic acid;
- 1-Aminomenthyl-1-cyclopentane-acetic acid, sodium salt;
- 1-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohexane-acetic acid, sodium salt;
- {1-[(2-Methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[(4,4,4-Trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- (1-Ethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- [1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- (1-Propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- [1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- (1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- [1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- ((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {1-[Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;
- {1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;
- [1-(tert-Butoxy carbonylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;
- [1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;
- ((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclobutylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;
- {(3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2-methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

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{(3R, 5S)-1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R,5S)-1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R,5S)-1-Carboxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

cis-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Butylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(3-Phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, sodium salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-ethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-propyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

((3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[(1R, 3R)-1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-3-methyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(1R, 3R)-1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

or

((1R, 3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

14.(Currently Amended) A method for treating neurological disorders, depression, anxiety, panic, mania, bipolar disorders, antiflammatory diseases, glaucoma, pain or gastrointestinal damage comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula IV to patient in need thereof.

$$R_6$$
 X
 CO_2H
 R_4
 R_3
 IV

R₁-R₄ are hydrogen or alkyl;

X is NR₅ or O;

R5 is hydrogen or alkyl,

R6 is hydrogen, alkyl, benzyl, alkanoyl, alkoxyalkanoyl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, trisubstituted halogenalkyl, and wherein R_1 - R_4 are each hydrogen the R_6 is not hydrogen or methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, prodrug, or amide thereof, with the proviso that X-R6 may not be NH_2 .